THE MULE

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TROUBLE MAKERS

IN THE CITY OF ICE, THERE ARE ONLY TWO AREAS WHERE ABSOLUTE TRUCE HOLDS— THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION STATION, AND THE PUBLIC BATHS LOCATED ON THE LOWER LEVELS.

DECADES AGO AN EXCEPTIONALLY BRILLIANT ENGINEER, SENT TO THE CITY FOR SOME LONG-FORGOTTEN CRIME, MANAGED TO GET ONE OF THE ABANDONED, AGING NUCLEAR GENERATORS TO WORK, AFTER A FASHION, WELL ENOUGH TO HEAT WATER AND RUN SOME ELECTRICITY.

THE BATHS OFFER A WELCOME BREAK FROM THE HARSH CONDITIONS TOPSIDE, AND ARE PATRONIZED BY VIRTUALLY EVERYONE AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER.

HUMANS AND NONHUMANS, RIVAL GANGS AND POLITICOS, ALL POLITELY MINGLE OR IGNORE EACH OTHER, AWARE OF WATCHING EYES EVERYWHERE.

ANY BAD BEHAVIOR IS SWIFTLY DEALT WITH, AND THE *LEAST* A TROUBLE-MAKER COULD EXPECT WAS A LIFETIME BAN.

MORE OFTEN THE PROPRIETORS SIMPLY KILLED THE GUILTY PARTY OR PARTIES, SOMETHING THAT WENT A LONG WAY TO ENSURING GOOD BEHAVIOR AMONG EVEN THE MOST VIOLENT OF CLIENTELE.

BECAUSE EVERYONE WANTS SOME UNINTERRUPTED DOWNTIME ONCE IN A WHILE.

SIGH

CLICK

TAP TAP

I KNOW YOU'RE THERE. I CAN SMELL YOU

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN ANY COMPANY, AND I'M NOT SICK

BE CALM, MR. SALEM

I ONLY WANT TO SPEAK TO YOU FOR A FEW MINUTES

YOU CAME ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE TO TALK TO ME?

ONE REASON, YES

I'D LIKE TO OFFER YOU A JOB

WHAT KIND OF JOB?

VERY SIMPLE, REALLY

AN ESCORT

THERE WILL BE A PERSON ARRIVING ON THE NEXT PRISONER TRANSPORT, AND I NEED HER BROUGHT SAFELY TO MY COMPOUND

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO ACCOMPANY HER TO MAKE SURE SHE DOES NOT RUN AFOUL OF THE CITY'S MORE.... DISREPUTABLE INHABITANTS.

HAH!!

SO WHAT'D YOU DO?

ORDER YOURSELF A BRIDE?

PLEASE! THIS PERSON IS TRANSPORTING CRITICAL SUPPLIES AND TOOLS I NEED FOR MY EXPERIMENTS, AS WELL AS NEW MEDICATIONS FOR THE CLINIC.

SNORT

THIS COST ME A GREAT DEAL TO ARRANGE, AND I DO *NOT* WANT TO LOSE THESE MATERIALS TO SOME COMMON THUGS!

WHAT DO YOU SAY, MR. SALEM?

AMONG THE WORSE OF THE CITY'S RESIDENTS, THE CREATURE THEY CALLED THE BUTCHER WAS WAS SENT TO THE CITY OF ICE FOR PERFORMING UNAUTHORIZED MEDICAL "EXPERIMENTS" ON LIVE AND UNWILLING PATIENTS.

HE HAPPILY CONTINUED HIS WORK IN THE CITY, WHERE THERE WAS A LIMITLESS SUPPLY OF TEST SUBJECTS AND NO NOSEY AUTHORITIES TO CONTEND WITH.

SINCE HE WAS THE ONLY DOCTOR IN THE CITY WITH PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL TRAINING *AND* ACCESS TO REAL MEDICAL SUPPLIES, HE ALSO RAN THE BEST HEALTH CLINIC. SALEM HIMSELF HAD BEEN TREATED BY THE GOOD DOCTOR A FEW TIMES.

BUT THE BUTCHER'S DEPRAVED REPUTATION WAS ENOUGH TO MAKE ANYONE HESITATE IN DEALING WITH HIM....

WHY NOT ASK AGORA OR KOZMINSKI?

THEY COULD GIVE YOU MORE MUSCLE FOR THIS.

THEY WOULD ALSO COST A LOT MORE

MOST OF MY FUNDS ARE TIED UP WITH THIS TRANSPORT

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD GET ANYTHING PAST THE SCANNERS

YOU CAN, IF YOU KNOW THE RIGHT PEOPLE, AND PAY THE RIGHT PRICE

NOW WHAT DO YOU SAY?

WHAT'S YOUR OFFER?

YOUR NEXT TREATMENT AT THE CLINIC WILL BE FREE.

AND IF YOUR HISTORY IS ANY INDICATION, YOU'LL NEED IT SOONER OR LATER!

HM!

FREE MEDICAL CARE FROM THE CITY'S BEST DOCTOR WAS A GOOD DEAL, BUT--

I ALSO WANT A FAVOR

WHAT KIND OF FAVOR?

ANYTHING I WANT-- FOOD COUPONS, ANOTHER FREE TREATMENT--

PUTTING ME IN TOUCH WITH YOUR SMUGGLING CONTACTS

YOU'RE ASKING A LOT

IT'S STILL LESS THAN AGORA OR KOZMINSKI WOULD ASK

TRUE

NOW IT'S MY TURN TO ADD A CONDITION-- YOU DO THIS ALONE, *WITHOUT* HARPY

WHAT?!

ARE YOU *CRAZY?!*

HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DO THIS WITHOUT HER SCOUTING AND BACK-UP?

SHE'S TOO DANGEROUS

AND *DON'T* INSULT MY INTELLIGENCE BY CLAIMING YOU CAN CONTROL HER BEHAVIOR, BECAUSE WE BOTH KNOW YOU *CAN'T!*

I DO NOT WANT HER KILLING AND *EATING* MY COURIER!

SHE'S NOT GONNA JUST *STAY HOME* ON WELCOME DAY

SHE LOOKS FORWARD TO IT FOR WEEKS

I AM AWARE OF THAT

PUT THIS IN HER FOOD THE NIGHT BEFORE

SHE'LL SLEEP 24 HOURS AND WAKE UP WITH A LOVELY HANGOVER

SO THIS IS A *FEMALE* YOU'RE EXPECTING?

YOU'RE PERFECTLY WELCOME TO HAVE INTERCOURSE WITH HER, ALTHOUGH I DOUBT SHE'D FIND WHAT YOU HAVE TO OFFER VERY INTERESTING

JUST *DON'T* BITE HER OR DRAW BLOOD

I'LL SEND AN ORDERLY TO YOU BEFORE WELCOME DAY WITH FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

AND *DO* KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO ME, AND I WOULD BE VERY, VERY UNHAPPY IF ANYTHING WAS TO GO WRONG

DO YOU UNDERSTAND, MR. SALEM?

PERFECTLY

VERY GOOD!

I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE NOW--

BEFORE YOU GO--

THAT HUMAN FEMALE I SOLD YOU

TELL ME WHAT YOU DID WITH HER

YES, YES!

YOU'RE ONE OF THE FEW PEOPLE HERE WHO MIGHT UNDERSTAND THE WORK I'M TRYING TO DO--

TELL ME EVERYTHING--

TWO WEEKS LATER

THEY *BETTER* SHOW UP WHEN THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO!

I DO *NOT* WANT TO GO OUT HUNTING IN THIS COLD!

AH-- THERE THEY ARE!

RIGHT ON TIME

IT'S *REALLY* NOT A GOOD IDEA TO DO SCHEDULED RUNS HERE

SOMEONE LIKE ME MIGHT TAKE THE TROUBLE TO LEARN THEM!

GASP!

AARRRGG!!

BEAR!

AGHH!!

YOU REALLY WANT TO *DIE* WITH THEM?

WITHOUT THEM I HAVE NOTHING!

UGH!

FINE

I BETTER MOVE FAST BEFORE THEY FREEZE SOLID

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SHE ALWAYS STARTS WITH THE LIVER--

AH GOOD-- YOU'RE STILL HERE!

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SINCE WHEN DO *YOU* CARE?

YOU BROUGHT ME DINNER!!

HE RAN INTO ME ON THE WAY HOME

THIS IS THE MOST ROMANTIC THING YOU'VE EVER DONE!

YOU *NEVER* BRING ME DINNER!

YEAH, I'M JUST FULL OF SURPRISES

OH! OH! CUT OFF LITTLE PEICES AND FEED THEM TO ME WITH YOUR MOUTH!

THAT WOULD TURN ME ON *SO* MUCH!!

WHATEVER YOU WANT

LEMME GET CLEANED UP FIRST

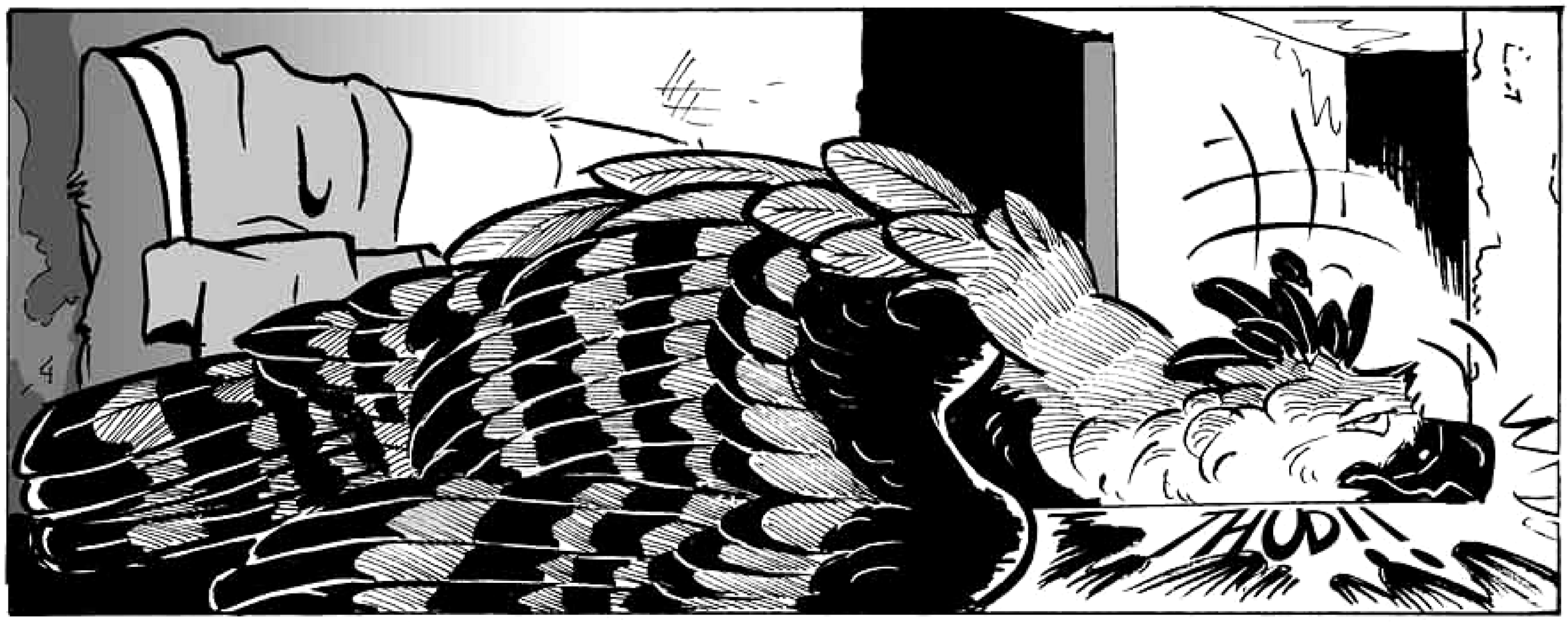
GO AHEAD AND EAT THE GUTS BEFORE THEY CONGEAL

SHORTLY

OHHH JACK...

I THINK I ATE A LITTLE TOO FAST

FEELIN' KIND OF SICK--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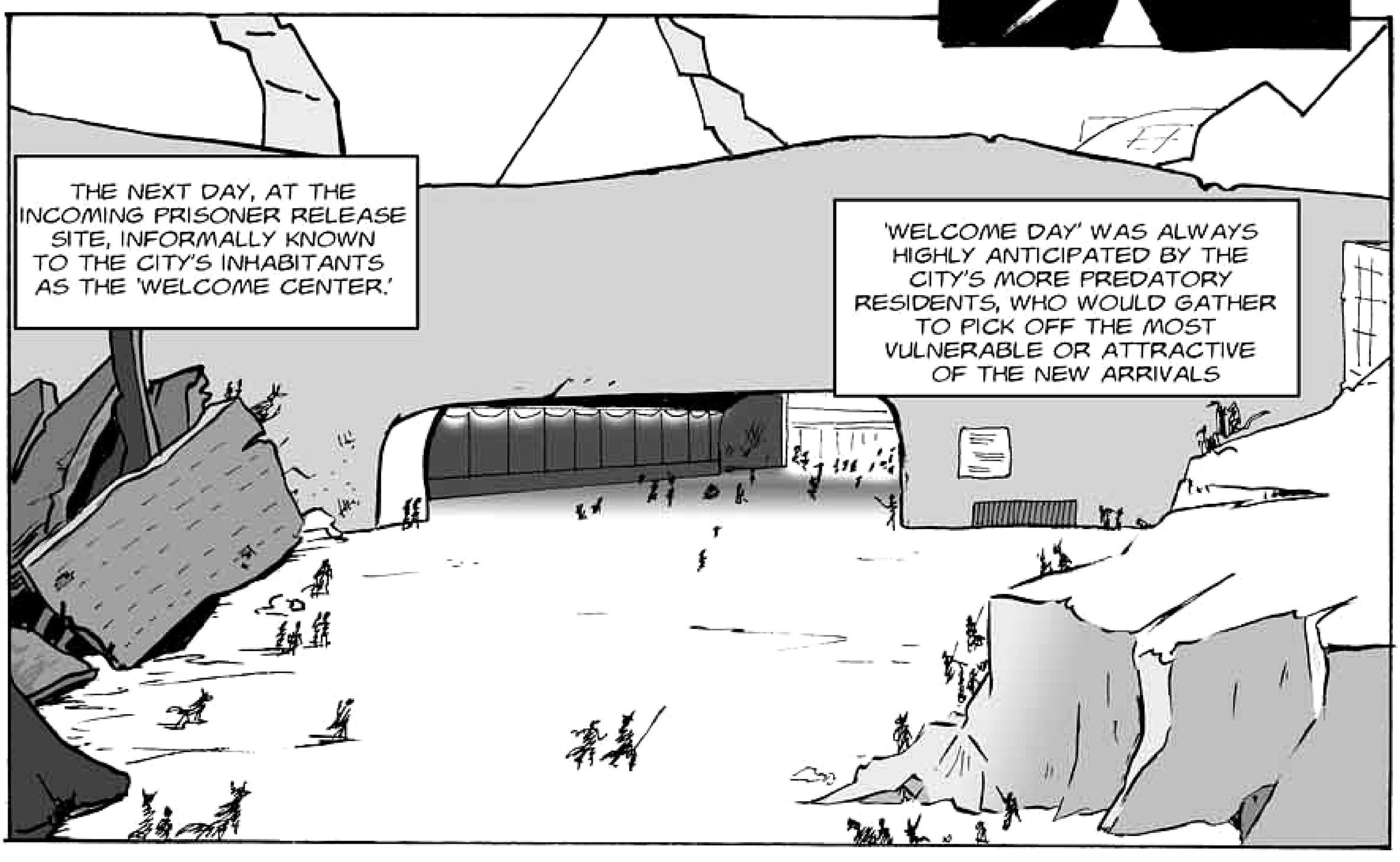
AND YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT KIND OF SELF-CONTROL IT'S TAKING NOT TO CHOP YOU INTO PEICES AND THROW THEM OUT THE WINDOW
ZZZZ

TOO BAD
BUT ONE DAY I WON'T NEED YOUR MUSCLE ANY MORE
I CAN WAIT


THE NEXT DAY, AT THE INCOMING PRISONER RELEASE SITE, INFORMALLY KNOWN TO THE CITY'S INHABITANTS AS THE 'WELCOME CENTER.'
'WELCOME DAY' WAS ALWAYS HIGHLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CITY'S MORE PREDATORY RESIDENTS, WHO WOULD GATHER TO PICK OFF THE MOST VULNERABLE OR ATTRACTIVE OF THE NEW ARRIVALS

SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE WEARING SOMETHING THAT SAYS "NO FAT CHICKS"

WHATEVER THE HELL *THAT* MEANS

YOU'D THINK A DAMN *DOCTOR* WOULD KNOW MY DISTANCE VISION IS *NOT* THAT GOOD!

GRUMBLE

OH NO!

NO FAT CHICKS

I'M GOING TO FUCKING *KILL* THAT BUGGY BASARD!

ARE YOU THE PERSON THE BUTCHER SENT ME TO MEET?

NOD

NO FAT CHICKS

CAN YOU TALK?

=GRUNT=

I'LL TAKE THAT AS A "NO."

COME WITH ME

DO *WHAT* I SAY *WHEN* I SAY TO AND WE'LL GET ON FINE

=GRUNT=

WELL LOOK AT THAT!

DOES HE THINK HE CAN JUST WALK OUT OF HERE WITH ALL THAT MEAT ON THE HOOF WITHOUT ANYONE NOTICING?

HELLO JACK

BOB, LISA

WHERE'S HARPY?

SHE NEVER MISSES WELCOME DAY

SHE ATE SOMETHING BAD

OH TSK!

YOU'D THINK SHE'D KNOW BETTER

THAT WOULD IMPLY SHE'S CAPABLE OF LEARNING ANYTHING

NOW YOU'RE NOT PLANNING ON HOGGING THAT DELECTIBLE MOUNTAIN OF MEAT ALL TO YOURSELF, ARE YOU?

GIVE ME A CUT AND I'LL LET YOU FUCK LISA

WHAT?!

GO TO HELL, ASSHOLE!!

IF I FUCK HIM THEN YOU AIN'T GETTING SQUAT! IF YOU WANT ANYTHING THEN *YOU* HAVE TO LET HIM FUCK *YOU* IN THE ASS!!

IF I DO THAT THEN *YOU'RE* NOT GETTING ANYTHING!!

AND AT LEAST I'M NOT STRETCHED OUT LIKE AN OLD SOCK!

FUCK YOU!!

LIKE YOU COULD TELL, PENCIL-DICK!

LET'S DO A RAINCHECK ON THE THREESOME, OKAY?

THIS THING IS BEING DELIVERED TO THE BUTCHER

SO UNLESS YOU TWO WANT TO END UP ON HIS DISSECTION TABLE--

I'D SUGGEST YOU CLEAR OUT!

WE'RE GOIN'

BUT IT MIGHT TAKE MORE THAN THREATS TO GET *THEM* TO BACK OFF

HAVE FUN, JACKIE-BOY

WE'RE JUST WALKING AWAY?!

I HAVE A PLAN

COME ON

NO CLOSER

THIS IS PROPERTY OF THE BUTCHER

AND WE'LL SEND HIM OUR REGARDS FOR DELIVERING SUCH A FINE PIECE OF MEAT

OKAY THEN

WHO'S FIRST?

WHO WANTS TO *DIE* SO EVERYONE ELSE CAN EAT?

WE'LL RUSH THEM TOGETHER!

THEY CAN'T GET US ALL!

YEAH? WELL YOU'RE GOIN' IN FIRST!

I'M NOT TAKING A SWORD TO THE GUT JUST SO YOU CAN STUFF YOUR BEAK!

=SNORT!=

UHURRR!!

HHURRR!!

AWWK!!

CRUNCH!

AUGH!!

HUHHHUH!!

GOOD MOVE

GRUNT

IT'S A LONG WAY TO THE BUTCHER'S

HE CAN'T FIGHT OFF *EVERYONE*

AND EVEN IF HE DOES, WHO KNOWS WHAT KIND OF 'ACCIDENTS' MIGHT HAPPEN?

EVERYONE KNOWS HOW DANGEROUS THIS PLACE IS!

THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF THE CITY CALLED IT "THE HOLE TO HELL," --THE ONLY PLACE WITH A STRAIGHT SHOT FROM THE UPPER LEVELS DOWN TO THE SUBLEVELS.

A PLACE TO DUMP BODIES OR COMMIT SUICIDE DECADES AGO, IT'S NOW A FORMIDABLE BARRIER TO ANYONE WANTING TO GET FROM ONE SIDE OF THE CITY TO THE OTHER. ALTERNATIVES ARE LIMITED-- TAKE A LONG DETOUR AROUND IT, GO INTO THE DANGEROUS LOWER LEVELS TO ONE OF THE SURVIVING PASSAGES ACROSS IT--

OR PAY A VERY STEEP TOLL TO CROSS THE ONLY TOPSIDE BRIDGE AVAILABLE.

COYOTES ROOST

THE HELL BRIDGE IS DISPUTED BY SEVERAL GANGS, WHO CONTINUALLY FIGHT EACH OTHER FOR CONTROL OF THE LUCRATIVE TOLL BUSINESS. POSSESSION OF THE CROSSING IS ALWAYS CHANGING HANDS.

THE ONLY THING THAT STAYS THE SAME IS THE HIGH PRICE.

THE BUTCHER WAS TOO CHEAP TO GIVE ME AN EXPENSE BUDGET FOR THIS, AND I'M NOT GIVING THOSE ASSHOLES ONE FUCKING COUPON OF *MINE*

SO WE'RE JUST GOING TO KILL THEM.

THIS TIME DON'T DO ANYTHING UNTIL I DO

GRUNT

AS SOON AS I STRIKE, DO THAT BITING THING WITH THE BIG ONE ON THE LEFT

GRUNT

THIS IS ACTUALLY ONE OF THE MORE AGREEABLE FEMALES I'VE COME ACROSS...

FUCK ME, LOOK WHO IT IS!

WHAT'S HE DOIN' ALL THE WAY OVER HERE?

WHO CARES?! LOOKIT THAT HUNK OF MEAT HE HAS WITH'IM!!

THAT'LL FEED US FOR A MONTH!

WE'RE SURPRISED TO SEE YOU IN THIS PART OF THE CITY, SALEM

BUT WE'RE ***VERY*** HAPPY TO SEE THIS LUSCIOUS PIECE OF MEAT YOU BROUGHT WITH YOU!

GRR

GRRRR

YOU GONNA STAY FOR LUNCH OR JUST GO ON YOUR WAY?

UHH--!!

HURRRHAHH!!

YIEE!!

UHH...

SNARRRLL!!

UNG!!

YIP YIP YI!!

KI! KI! KI!

IDIOTS!!

HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO HOLD HELL BRIDGE WITHOUT A CROSSBOW SNIPER?!

Coyotes ROCK

FAT MICKY

=WHINE=

DIBS ON THE LIVER

THAT'S FINE. MARROW TASTES BETTER

I HOPE THIS THING DOESN'T DIE OF THE COLD BEFORE WE GET THERE

HOPE I DON'T EITHER

THIS IS BAD

=GROAN=

WHOOOOOOHAH

HA HAH HAHH

OKAY, IT JUST GOT WORSE...

WAH HAH HAH WHOO

THE BARREN PACK!

WHOOOOOO!

THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL I'M GETTING MYSELF KILLED TAKING THEM ON!

I HOPE YOU CAN RUN, BECAUSE THE ONLY WAY YOU'RE SURVIVING THIS IS IF WE CAN BEAT THEM TO THE BUTCHER'S COMPOUND

THE BUTCHER'S COMPOUND WAS LOCATED IN THE UPPERMOST LEVELS OF THE CITY, WHERE THE CREATORS USED TO LIVE

EVEN THE HUMANS AVOIDED THE PLACE-- THE MAD CREATOR WAS SAID TO HAUNT HIS FORMER HOME, AND DID NOT LOOK KINDLY ON TRESPASSERS.

ONLY THE BUTCHER WAS INSANE ENOUGH TO MAKE IT HIS LAIR. RUMOR HAD IT THAT THE CREATOR APPRECIATED HIS WORK AND ALLOWED HIM TO STAY.

WHOOWWWLLL!!

SALEM WAS AS LEERY OF THE OLD BUILDING AS ANYONE ELSE

BUT HE WOULD RATHER TAKE HIS CHANCES WITH THE CREATOR OVER THE CERTAINTY OF BEING TORN TO PIECES BY THE BARREN PACK

UNFORTUNATELY, DECADES OF NEGLECT AND THE ELEMENTS HAVE TAKEN THEIR TOLL ON THE TOPMOST LEVEL'S STRUCTURE...

CRACK!!

OH NO!!

NO!!

BUHHHUHHH!!

SHUT UP!!

SHUT UP!!

YOU WANT TO BRING THEM RIGHT TO US?!!

SHIT!! THERE'S NO WAY I CAN DRAG THAT THING OUT BY MYSELF!

=GROAN=

BUT MAYBE I CAN USE SOMETHING ELSE--

READY FOR THE MAIN COURSE?

LEAD THE WAY!

THIS WAY!

THEY'RE RUNNING!

THIS HAD *BETTER* HOLD!

WHEN THIS PULLS, DRAG YOURSELF OUT

OTHERWISE THEY'LL EAT YOU ALIVE!

GROAN

YOU FORGOT THE KNIFE?!

YOU DUMBASS

YOU HAD IT LAST, BITCH!

NOW SHUT UP AND GET ME SOMETHING TO STAND ON!

SCRAAAPPPE

HUHHH

UHHH!

AH FUCK!!

=MOAN=

NOW RUN!

RUN!!!

THIS IS NOT GOOD

GET MY OUTDOOR GEAR

YES DOCTOR

THEY'RE TOO CLOSE!

THEY'RE NOT GONNA STOP EVEN IF WE MAKE IT INSIDE THE GATE!

HUFF!

HUHH HU!!

YAWLP!!

GUYS! A LITTLE HELP HERE!

DINNER IS SERVED!

YI YI YI YI YI

IT'S...IT'S THE CREATOR TAKING REVENGE!

AIEEEAAAGHHH!!!

SHUT UP! IT'S ONLY SCAVENGERS!

YIPE!

NIP!

EVERYONE GET MOVING!

THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!!

NEXT TIME JACKIE-BOY GOES ON A JAUNT LET'S BE SURE TO FOLLOW

BEING A SCAVENGER HAS IT'S PERKS

I HAVEN'T EATEN THIS WELL IN MONTHS!

MADE IT!

THANK THE CREATORS FOR WHATEVER DISTRACTED THEM!

HUFF PUFF

FAT CHICKS

HUHH

BUT THEY'RE COMING NOW

THE BUTCHER BETTER GET SOME GUARDS DOWN HERE FAST UNLESS HE WANTS TO LOSE THIS THING!

STOP! YOU ARE TRESPASSING!

LEAVE HERE IMMEDIATELY!

BACK OFF, BUG!!

WE RAN THEM DOWN FAIR AND SQUARE!

THEY'RE OURS!

LIKE HELL I AM!

YOU DEAL WITH THEM ON YOUR OWN, *DOCTOR*

I JUST HOPE THEY DON'T *EAT* YOU, OR I WON'T GET PAID!

HE GOT HIS WARNING!!

KILL HIM!!

YES SIR

IF THAT'S THE ONLY WAY...

LEAVE

I'LL ONLY TELL YOU ONCE

YIPE

YIPE

YIPE

OOHHH, I DO *NOT* LIKE WHEN HE DOES THAT

MY HEAD!

YOU CAN COME OUT NOW, MR. SALEM

THEY'RE GONE

WHAT DID YOU DO?

I HAVE SOME... UNORTHODOX METHODS AT MY DISPOSAL

AND I NEVER FIGURED *YOU* FOR A COWARD TO RUN OFF LIKE THAT

URK!

YOU TOLD ME TO GET THAT THING TO YOUR COMPOUND, WHICH I DID!

THE DEAL DID NOT INCLUDE ME COMMITING SUICIDE BY TAKING ON THE ENTIRE BARREN PACK AFTER I'D DELIVERED THE GOODS!

YOU CALL ME A COWARD AGAIN AND I'LL RIP YOUR FUCKING ANTENNA OFF AND SHOVE THEM UP YOUR ASS!!

POINT MADE

NOW WOULD YOU PLEASE RELEASE ME SO WE CAN GET IN OUT OF THIS COLD?

PLEASE!

IF I WANTED YOU AS A TEST SUBJECT I WOULDN'T HAVE TO RESORT TO SUCH TRICKERY

DRINK!

IT WILL WARM YOU UP AND GIVE YOU SOME CALORIES FOR THE TRIP BACK

I GOT ALL THE READINGS AND SAMPLES I WANTED FROM YOU THE FIRST TIME YOU CAME TO THE CLINIC

IS THAT A GOOD OR BAD THING?

PREP TIME?

45 MINUTES DOCTOR

DO YOU EVER SEE HIM HERE?

THE CREATOR?

OH YES

SOMETIMES I SEE HIM IN THE SHADOWS, WATCHING ME WORK

SOMETIMES HE'LL OFFER ADVICE ON A PARTICULAR PROBLEM

OR SOMETIMES HE'LL HELP ME DIRECTLY, IF THE SITUATION WARRENTS

WHY DO YOU THINK I LIVE HERE?

THE *HISTORY* OF THIS PLACE!

THE OLD GOVERNOR FACED DOWN THE CREATORS HERE

WHAT COURAGE THAT MUST'VE TAKEN!

NOW *THAT'S* SOMEONE I WOULDN'T MIND GETTING ON MY TABLE

THERE'S NEVER BEEN ANOTHER NONHUMAN LIKE HIM

YEAH, AND LOOK WHAT *THAT* CAUSED

HE WAS AN IDIOT

ALL A MATTER OF OPINION

SO WHO EXACTLY DID I BRING HERE?

SHE CAN'T EVEN *TALK!* HOW DID SHE GET SENTENCED HERE?

OH, SHE'S NOT A CRIMINAL

SHE'S NOT EVEN REALLY A PERSON

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

SHE WAS GROWN AND PROGRAMMED BY A COLLEAGUE ON EARTH

SORT OF A LIVING ROBOT, IF YOU WILL

I FIGURED EVERYTHING WAS INSIDE

THE TOOLS ARE INSIDE

YOU'RE PARTIALLY RIGHT

BUT THE CHEMICALS AND MEDICINES I NEED ARE PART OF THE BODY ITSELF, AND NEED TO BE EXTRACTED AND DISTILLED BEFORE I CAN USE THEM

SO WHAT WOULD'VE HAPPENED IF ANYONED TRIED TO EAT IT?

OH, THEY WOULD'VE DIED AFTER THE FIRST BITE

THE COMPONENTS ALONE ARE VERY TOXIC

BUT IF SHE WAS KILLED THE TISSUES WOULD'VE BEGUN TO BREAK DOWN IMMEDIATELY AND BEEN RENDERED USELESS TO ME

SO YOU DO HAVE MY APPRECIATION FOR A JOB WELL DONE

YOU HAVE YOUR FREE TREATMENT, AND YOUR FAVOR, WHATEVER THAT MAY BE

HOPEFULLY I WON'T NEED THE TREATMENT

THE OTHER THING I'LL CONTACT YOU ABOUT WHEN THE TIME COMES

VERY GOOD!

I'LL HAVE AN ORDERLY SHOW YOU OUT

I HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO TONIGHT

I'LL BET YOU DO!

AND ALL I HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO IS A LONG WALK BACK IN THE COLD AND DARK, TO A PISSED-OFF AND HUNG-OVER HARPY

WELL, MAYBE SHE'LL FEEL TOO SICK TO BOTHER ME

HEY JACKIE-BOY, FANCY MEETING YOU HERE!

WANT SOME COMPANY BACK? SAFETY IN NUMBERS AND ALL THAT--

AS LONG AS I DON'T HAVE TO FUCK EITHER ONE OF YOU, SURE...

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